Today's News - July 8, 2004

We're b-a-a-c-k! And there's a lot of catching up to do...we'll do our best. — We lose a master of affordable housing design. — Ground Zero takes center stage again (leave it to SPA to add some humorous perspective). — A pact to promote green business in India. — Former Milwaukee mayor and new urbanist has a big fan in the U.K. — Transfers of development rights reshape metropolitan growth. — Court says no to media gag re: development going on at Kahn's parliament complex in Dhaka. — Apartment towers threaten "visual integrity" of Cologne cathedral. — An "upstart young architect" takes on revamping of Modemist icon in Beirut. — A Paul Rudolph Manhattan gem. — Piano project in Dallas makes his London project look "outmoded." — U.K. already has a new "sporting landmark" whether it wins Olympic bid or not. — Competition for Kansas City stadium heats up. — Industrial design awards: "winners are the product of several soft years... Companies kept to tried and true innovations."

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Obituary: Joseph Wasserman, 73, Housing Architect- New York Times

Let Freedom Tower! Pataki's premature groundbreaking is par for the site.

Architecture by committee. By Christopher Hawthorne - Daniel Libeskind; David Childs/Skidmore. Owings & Merrill [images]- Slate

Rename that tower: What should the new building be called? Free Enterprise Tower would be better. By Jonathan Glancey - SOM- Guardian (UK)

<u>Latest Revisions at Ground Zero: French Tower (1,789 ft); Missy Elliot Marriot;</u>
<u>Axis Of Good; etc. [image]</u>- Small Practice Architects / SPA.UK

World Resources Institute inks pact with Indian industry to promote green business- Environmental News Network

Common ground: As mayor of Milwaukee, John Norquist made his name as America's boldest practitioner of urban regeneration...and deputy prime minister John Prescott is one of his biggest fans.- Guardian (UK)

Transfers of development rights (TDRs) and Other Market-Based Land Mechanisms: How They Work and Their Role in Shaping Metropolitan Growth-Brookings Institute

Bangladesh: Court stops move to gag media reports on constructions on the Sangsad Bhaban complex - Louis I. Kahn- AsiaMedia/UCLA Asia Institute

Cologne cathedral threatened by tower blocks: placed on Unesco's list of endangered World Heritage sites...its "visual integrity" threatened by skyscrapers... [image]- Guardian (UK)

Beirut's icon of modernist architecture set to be revamped: Solidere reverses its decision to demolish and taps into the talent of upstart young architect Bernard Khoury - Joseph Philippe Karam (1965) [image]- Daily Star (Lebanon)

An Architect's Last Word: Paul Rudolph's apartment, finished posthumously, is a declaration in space and light. By Joseph Giovannini - Donald Luckenbill Architect [image/slide show]- New York Times

Oasis, Texas: Renzo Piano's beautiful, subtle Dallas gallery [Nasher Sculpture Centre] makes his London skyscraper look outmoded. By Jonathan Glancey-Peter Walker [image]- Guardian (UK)

In the field of Olympian dreams: new stadia worldwide get very ambitious. Were Britain ever to win the Olympics again...then we already have the key ingredient in place... By Hugh Pearman - Foster/HOK Sport; Santiago Calatrava; Herzog and de Meuron; Richard Rogers [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

Architects getting creative with plans: Arena visionaries hope to create a unique Kansas City destination – on a budget - HOK Sport/Ellerbe Becket/Heinlein Schrock Stearns/CDFM² Architecture/Rafael Architects; Frank Gehry/Crawford Architects- Kansas City Star

Taking Stock Of Industrial Innovation in Bearish Times: The annual Industrial Design Excellence Awards... By Linda Hales - Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA)- Washington Post

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